

HOUSE RESOLUTION 476  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the opening of the Saint Francis Hospital in Bartlett .

WHEREAS, renowned for the excellence in medical care it provides, Saint Francis Hospital has long been a valued institution in the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, sensing a need for the location of another hospital in an area in which the greatest number of patients could be served, Saint Francis Hospital broke ground in 2002 on a new facility in the Bartlett community; and

WHEREAS, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 21, 2004, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett, a state-of-the-art, 90-bed facility that will serve to the medical needs of the people in the area through the finest in staff and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the first expansion of Saint Francis Hospital-Memphis, Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett cost \$72 million to construct and features a media center for outpatient service patients and their families, large mother-baby suites, a neonatal intensive care unit, a 19-bed 24-hour emergency care center, four operating rooms, and filmless imaging, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed topography (CT), nuclear medicine, ultrasound, and radiology; and

WHEREAS, with 64 medical and surgical beds, 10 mother-baby suites, and 16 CCU/ICU beds, Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett is ideally suited to meet the medical needs of the Bartlett community; and

WHEREAS, the hospital will be ably led by Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett Chief Executive Officer David Wilson, who is dedicated to employing the best staff, procuring the best medical equipment, and recruiting the finest physicians; and

WHEREAS, standing next to a newly-constructed, 60,000 square foot medical office, the three-story tall hospital located on 23.6 acres along Kate Bond Road and U.S. Highway 64 is a testimony to the appreciation and dedication that Saint Francis Hospital has for the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Tre' Hargett and W.C. "Bubba" Pleasant were instrumental in the facilitation and acquisition of the necessary Certificate of Need that enabled the construction of Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to salute the opening of this state-of-the-art facility that will serve the medical needs of all in Bartlett; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we thank Saint Francis Hospital for its commitment to the health of the citizens of Bartlett as exemplified in the opening of the Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate the administration, medical staff, and patrons of Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett upon the occasion of its opening, and offer our best wishes for much success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.